

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 77-83 and 101-108;

cancel claims 57-76, 84-100 and 109-112 without prejudice or disclaimer; and

add new claim 113 as follows.

1-76. (Cancelled)

77. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of establishing a packet data protocol context for signalling traffic between a user equipment and a network, comprising:~~

receiving a first PDP packet data protocol request from ~~the~~ a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the PDP packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred PDP packet data protocol context;

~~receiving~~ transmitting a second PDP packet data protocol request from the first network element ~~at~~ to a second network element, the second PDP packet data protocol request including at least part of the first PDP packet data protocol request;

~~selecting, at~~ receiving from the second network element, information on a selected PDP packet data protocol context for the signalling traffic; and

confirming the selected PDP packet data protocol context to the user equipment.

78. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 77, wherein the second PDP packet data protocol request includes the identity of the preferred PDP

packet data protocol context, wherein the second network element selects the PDP packet data protocol context in dependence on the preferred PDP packet data protocol context and the PDP packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

79. (Currently Amended)—~~A~~ The method according to claim 77, wherein the second PDP packet data protocol request does not include the identity of the preferred PDP packet data protocol context, wherein the second network element selects the PDP packet data protocol context in dependence on PDP packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

80. (Currently Amended)—~~A~~ The method according to claim 79, wherein the selected PDP packet data protocol context is a default PDP packet data protocol context.

81. (Currently Amended)—~~A~~ The method according to claim 78, wherein the selected PDP packet data protocol context includes one of a dedicated signalling PDP packet data protocol context and a general purpose PDP packet data protocol context.

82. (Currently Amended)—~~A~~ The method according to claim 78, wherein the ~~step~~ of confirming comprises transmitting a cause code to the user equipment.

83. (Currently Amended)—~~A~~ The method according to claim 77, wherein the preferred-PDP packet data protocol context is an emergency-PDP packet data protocol context.

84-100. (Cancelled)

101. (Currently Amended)—~~A network element for determining a PDP context for traffic between a user equipment and a network~~ An apparatus, comprising:

~~means for receiving~~ a receiver configured to receive a first-PDP packet data protocol request from ~~the~~ a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the first-PDP packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred-PDP packet data protocol context;

~~means for receiving~~ a transmitter configured to transmit a second-PDP packet data protocol request from the first network element ~~at~~ to a second network element, the second-PDP packet data protocol request including at least part of the first-PDP packet data protocol request; ~~said receiver configured to receive from a packet data protocol context being selected at~~ the second network element information on a selected packet data protocol context ~~including means for selecting a PDP context for the traffic for~~ traffic between the user equipment and the network; and

~~means for~~ a confirming unit configured to confirm the selected-PDP packet data protocol context to the user equipment.

102. (Currently Amended) ~~A network element~~ An apparatus according to claim 101, wherein the second ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ request includes the identity of the preferred ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ context, ~~and the means for selecting selecting unit being selected packet data protocol context is dependent upon the preferred-PDP packet data protocol context and the-PDP packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.~~

103. (Currently Amended) ~~A network element~~ An apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the second ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ request does not include the identity of the preferred ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ context, wherein the ~~second network element~~ selects the-PDP packet data protocol context is selected in dependence on ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ contexts supported by the network.

104. (Currently Amended) ~~A network element~~ An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the selected ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ context is a default ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ context.

105. (Currently Amended) ~~A network element~~ An apparatus, according to claim 101, wherein the selected ~~PDP packet data protocol~~ context is one of a dedicated

signalling-PDP packet data protocol context and a general purpose-PDP packet data protocol context.

106. (Currently Amended)—~~A network element~~An apparatus, according to claim 101 wherein the first network element is a ~~SGSN~~serving general packet radio service support node and the second network element is a ~~GGSN~~gateway general packet radio service support node.

107. (Currently Amended)—~~A network element~~An apparatus according to claim 106, wherein the ~~message confirmation comprises~~is a cause code that is sent to the user equipment.

108. (Currently Amended)—~~A network element~~An apparatus, according to claim 101, wherein the preferred-PDP packet data protocol context is an emergency-PDP packet data protocol context.

109-112. (Cancelled)

113. (New) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program product that when executed causes a processor to perform:

receiving a first packet data protocol request from a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred packet data protocol context;

transmitting a second packet data protocol request from the first network element to a second network element, the second packet data protocol request including at least part of the first packet data protocol request;

receiving from the second network element information on a selected packet data protocol context for signalling traffic; and

confirming the selected packet data protocol context to the user equipment.